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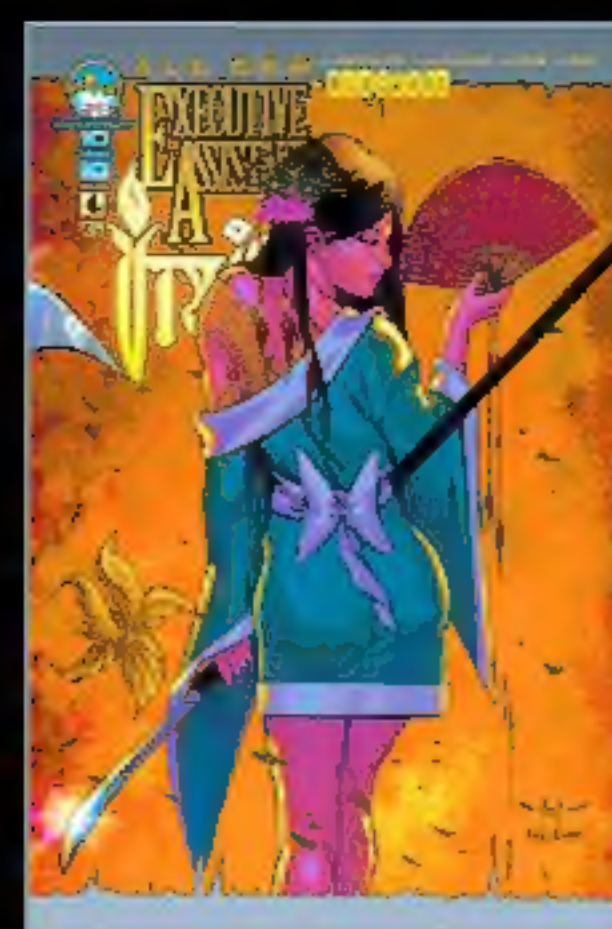




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The story so far...

Iris discovered that retrieving the Executive Assistant-in-training, Cherry, was only half the battle--as containing the young girl proved to be an even tougher challenge. Yet, the pair quickly realized they were a target, and fell victim to an ambush at the hands of Snapdragon and the Cambodian Triad. Now, the ownership of Cherry has been put on the market, with an opening bid of \$50 million.

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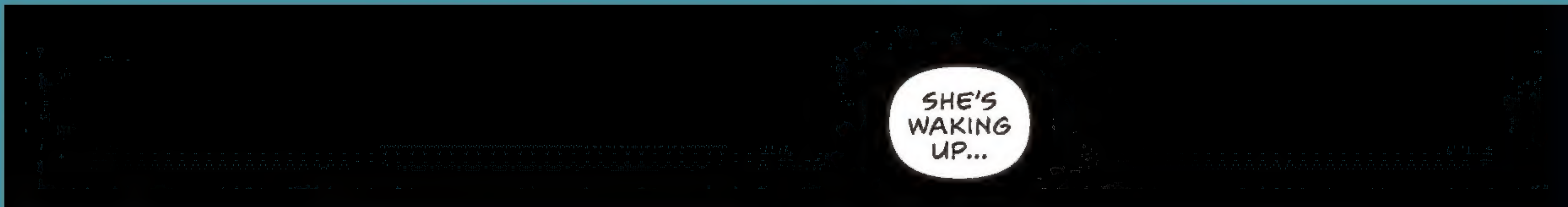
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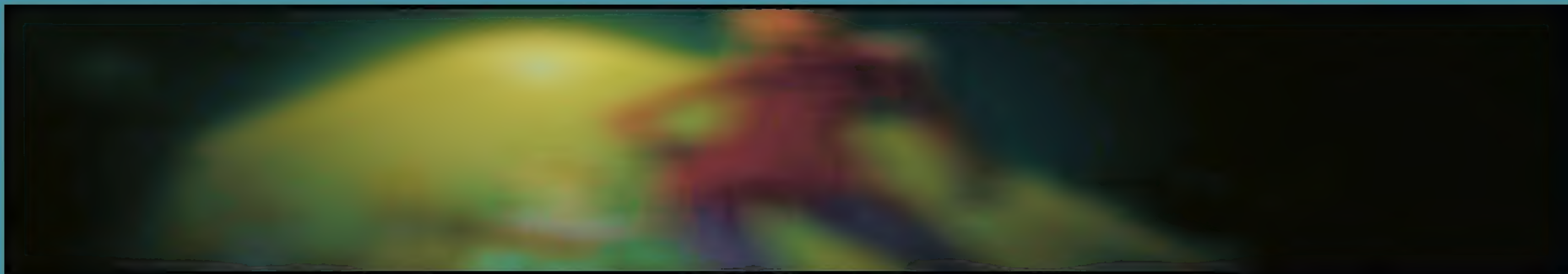
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WAKING
UP...

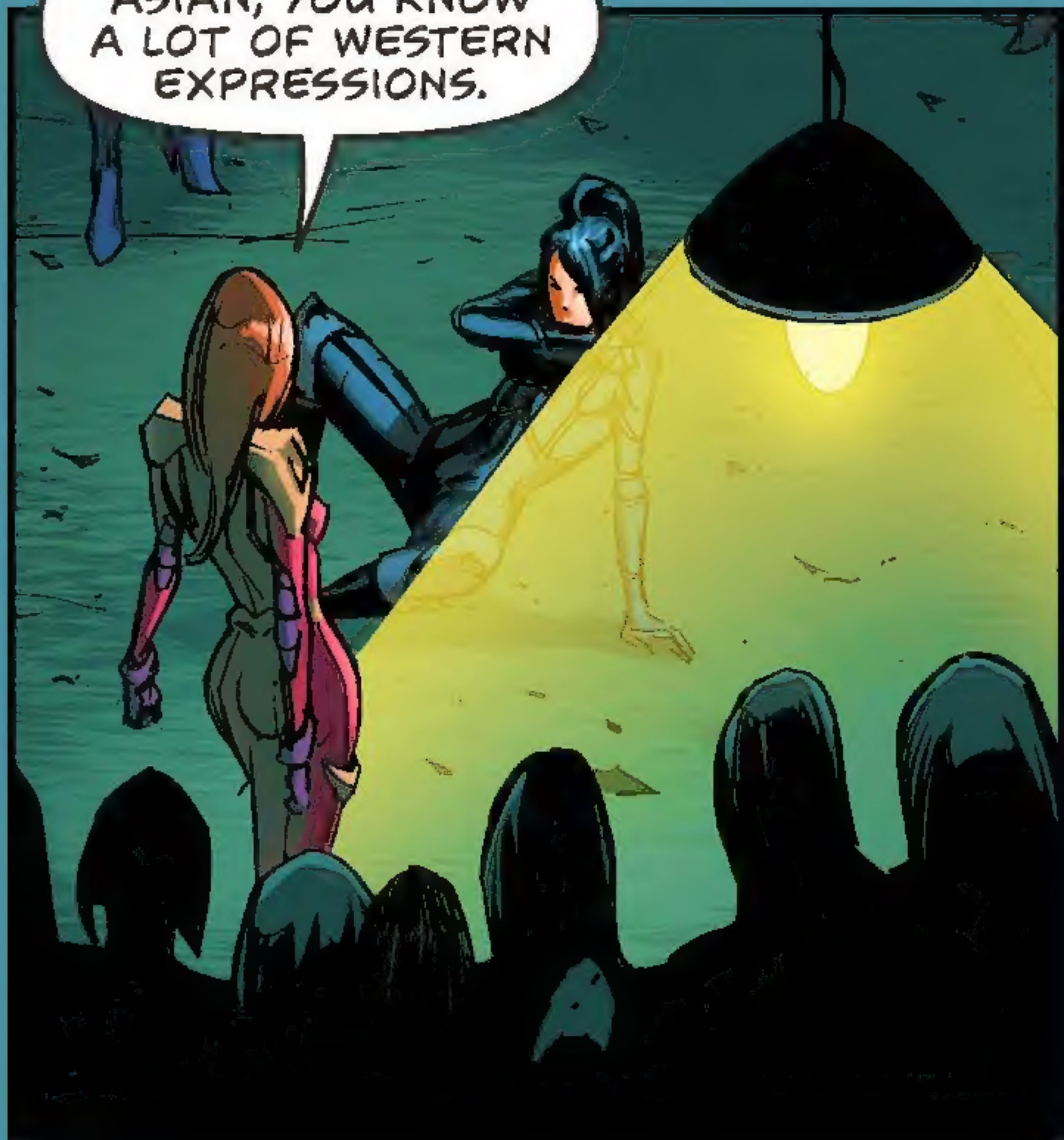


SNAPDRAGON...
WHERE IS
CHERRY?



I'D SAY
YOU HAVE MORE
IMPORTANT THINGS
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

I SEE.
SO, WHAT IS
THIS... YOU WANT
A SHOT AT THE
TITLE?

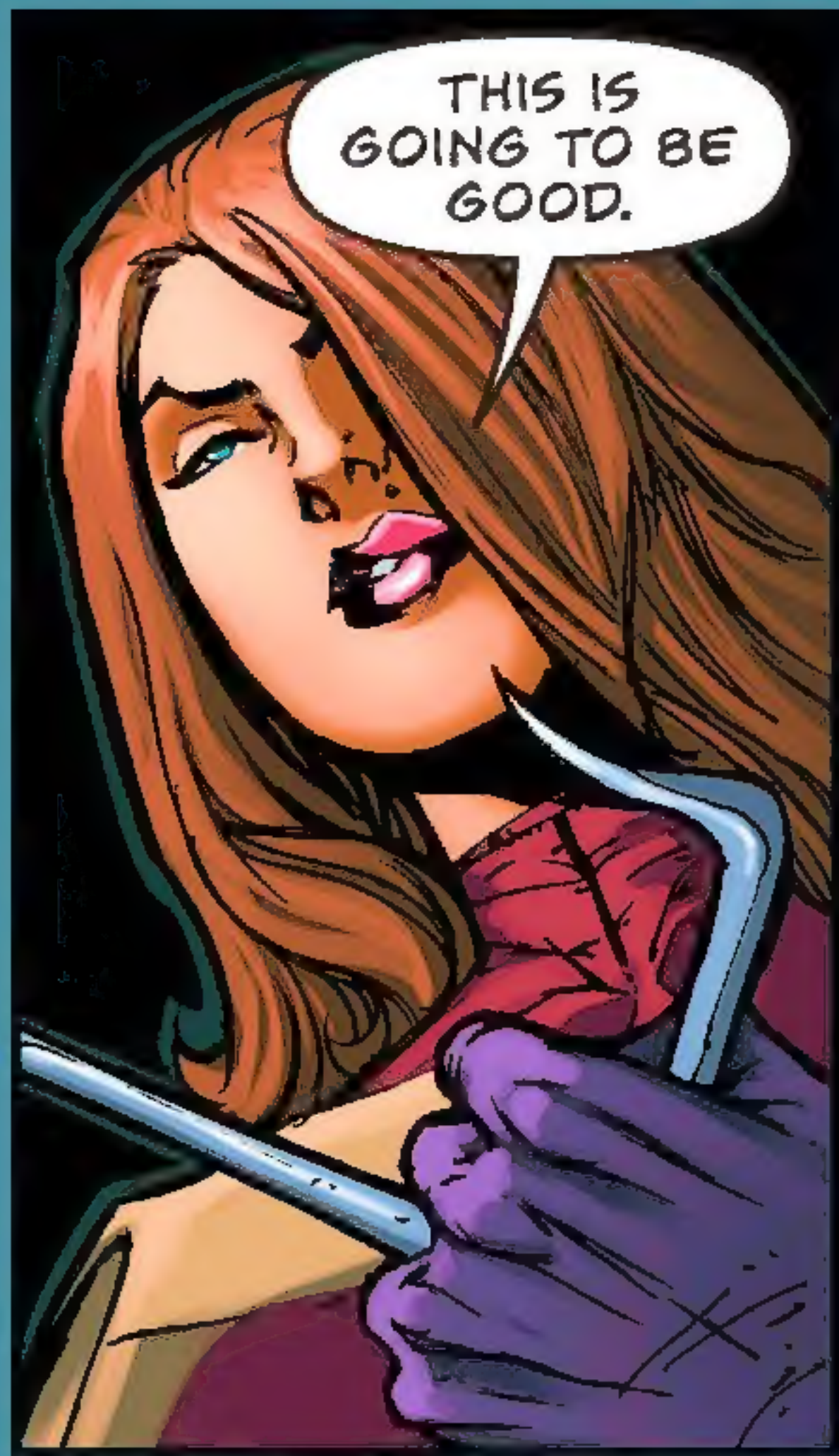


FOR AN
ASIAN, YOU KNOW
A LOT OF WESTERN
EXPRESSIONS.



ENOUGH
WITH THE CLEVER
QUIPS... GET ON
WITH IT.

HELLO
TO YOU,
TOO.



THIS IS
GOING TO BE
GOOD.

I'M AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT BY TRADE. I MET SNAPDRAGON A WEEK AGO AT A JOB INTERVIEW. AFTER AN UNORTHODOX INTERVIEW PROCESS, I GOT THE CONTRACT.

IT SEEMS SHE TOOK THE SLIGHT PERSONALLY.

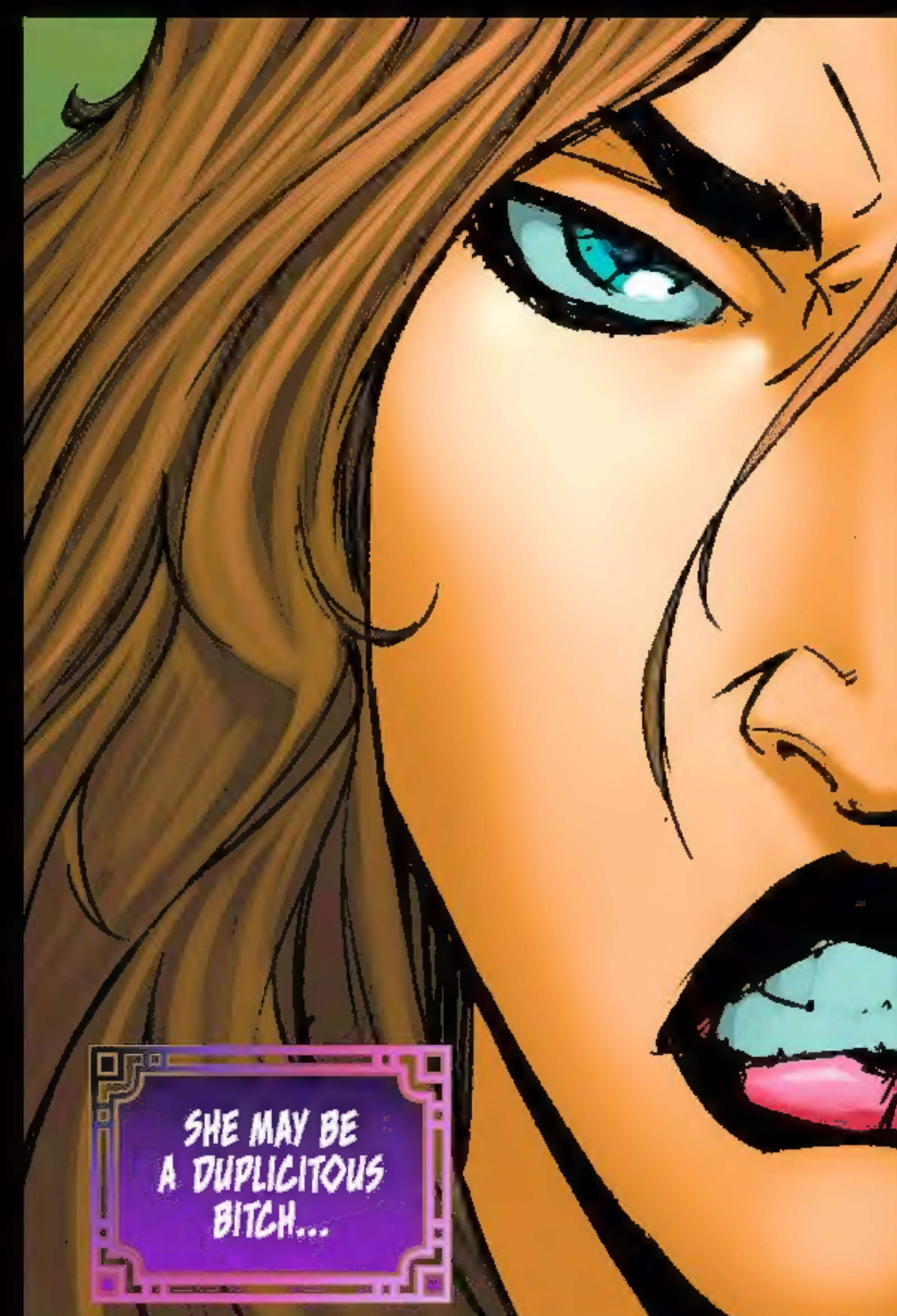
SHE ALSO MUST HAVE BEEN IN LEAGUE WITH THE CAMBODIAN TRIAD, WHO BETRAYED ME WHILE I WAS TRYING TO PROTECT THE LIFE OF A YOUNG EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT STUDENT NAMED CHERRY.



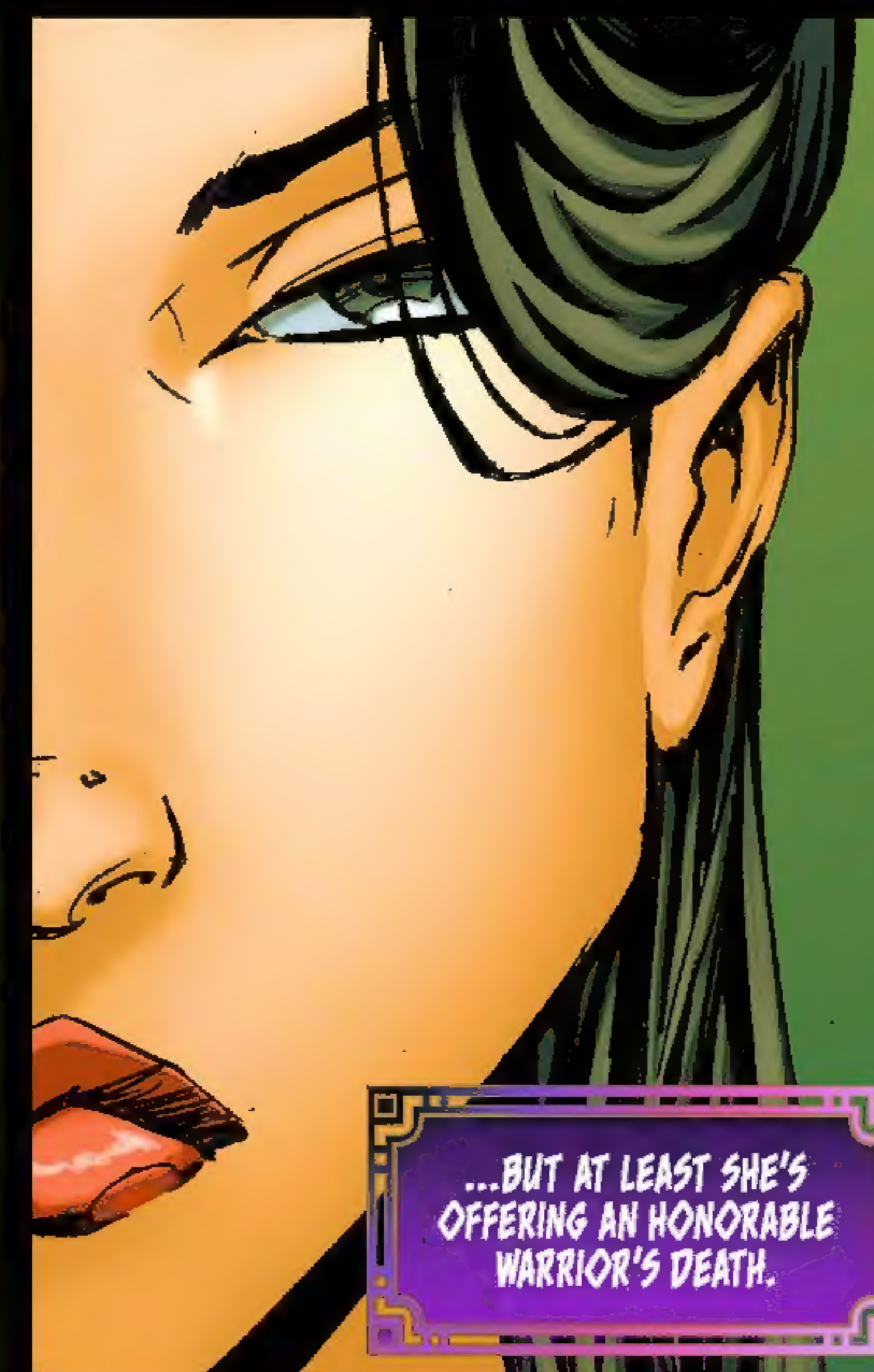
SHE COULD'VE KILLED ME WHILE MY BACK WAS TURNED.



INSTEAD, SHE BROUGHT ME HERE WITH THE INTENT OF DOING IT IN SINGLE COMBAT... IN FRONT OF OUR PEERS.



SHE MAY BE A DUPLICIOUS BITCH...



...BUT AT LEAST SHE'S OFFERING AN HONORABLE WARRIOR'S DEATH.

NOT FOR MYSELF...
FOR HER.





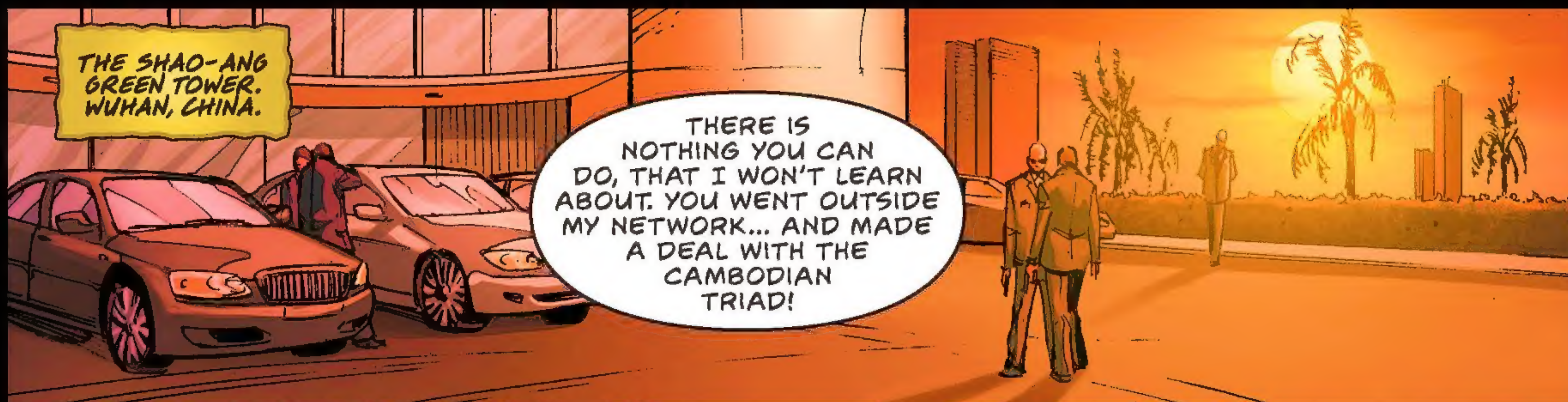
ANYONE ELSE?



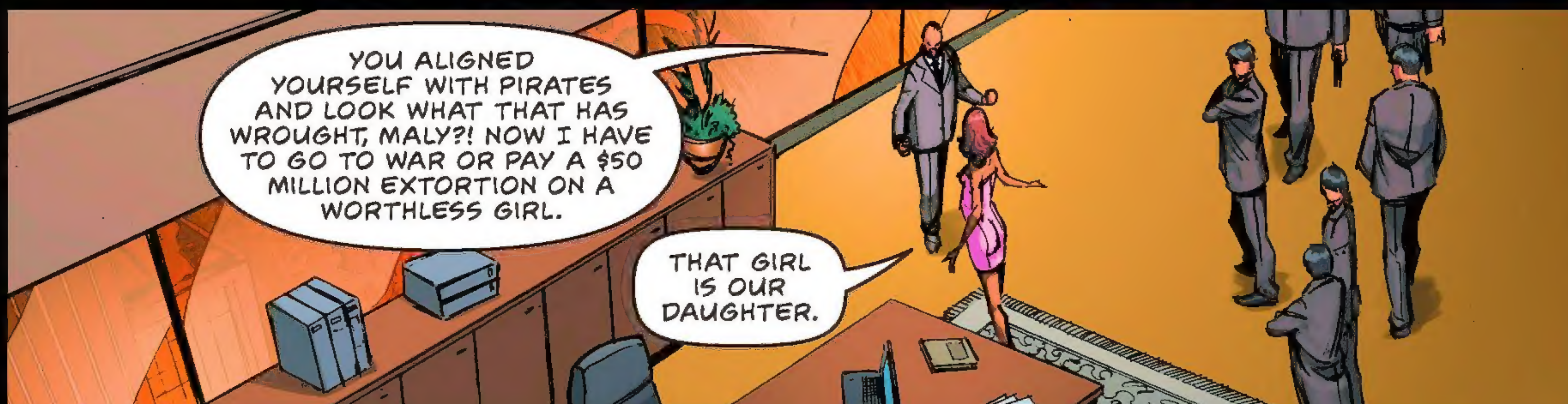
I DIDN'T THINK SO.



\$HIT. THAT WAS MY SWORD.



THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO, THAT I WON'T LEARN ABOUT. YOU WENT OUTSIDE MY NETWORK... AND MADE A DEAL WITH THE CAMBODIAN TRIAD!



YOU ALIGNED YOURSELF WITH PIRATES AND LOOK WHAT THAT HAS WROUGHT, MALY?! NOW I HAVE TO GO TO WAR OR PAY A \$50 MILLION EXTORTION ON A WORTHLESS GIRL.

THAT GIRL IS OUR DAUGHTER.



NO! I DID NOT CONSENT FOR YOU TO BEAR MY PROGENY! YOU HAVE DISHONORED--

AND WHO HAVE YOU DISHONORED?



YOU DARE QUESTION MY HONOR?!

I WAS NOT THE MARRIED ONE, SHAO. ALL OF YOUR THEATRICS ARE AN ATTEMPT TO COVER UP THE REAL TRUTH... THAT YOU DISHONOR YOUR WIFE.

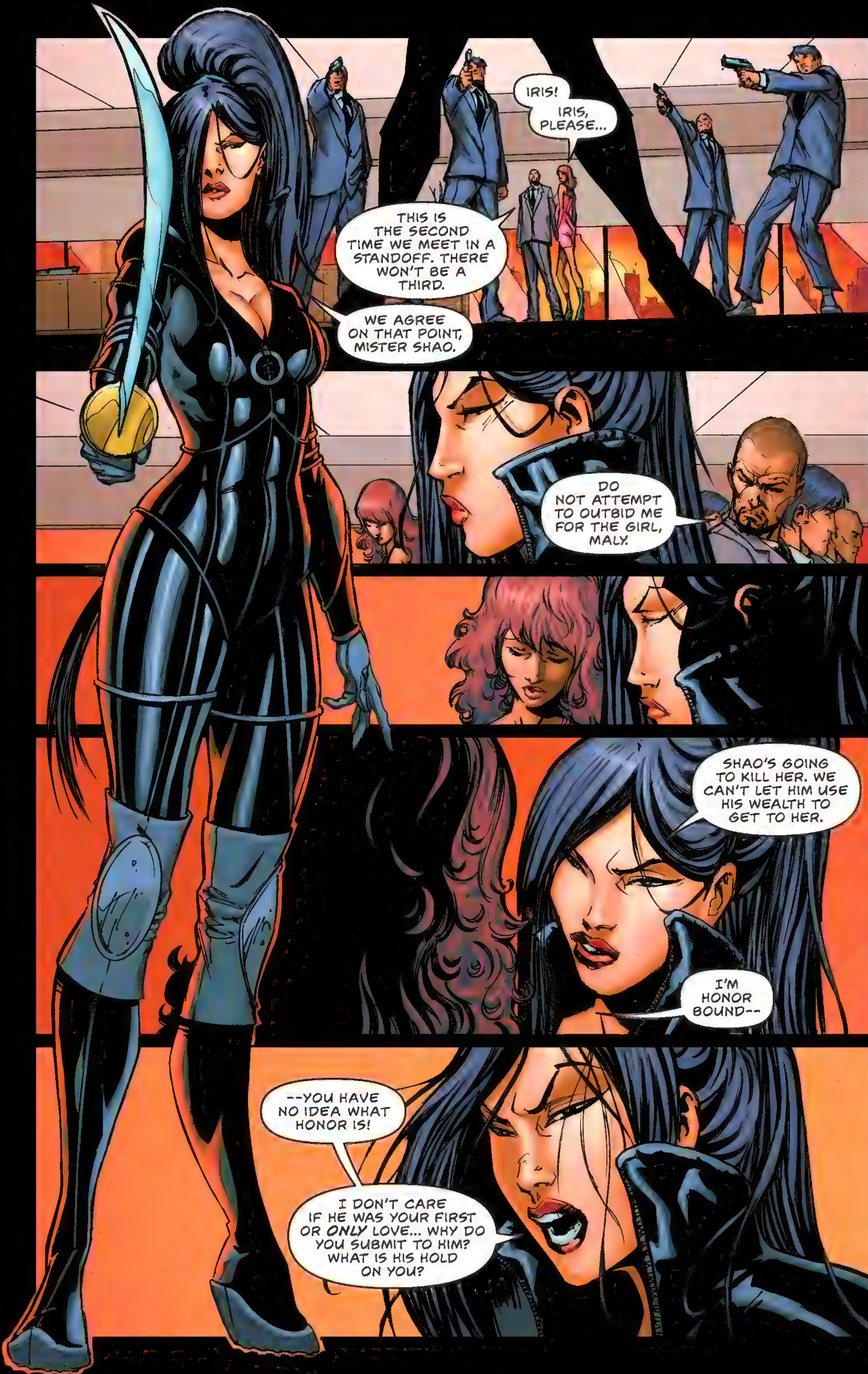


DO NOT THINK YOU CAN TREAT ME AS ONE OF YOUR COURTESANS.



KNOW YOUR PLACE. I BUILT YOUR EMPIRE AND WILL NOT HESITATE TO STRIKE YOU DOWN. THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU CHALLENGE MY AUTHORITY.

AND THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU THREATEN MY EMPLOYER.



IRIS!
IRIS,
PLEASE...

THIS IS
THE SECOND
TIME WE MEET IN A
STANDOFF. THERE
WON'T BE A
THIRD.

WE AGREE
ON THAT POINT,
MISTER SHAO.

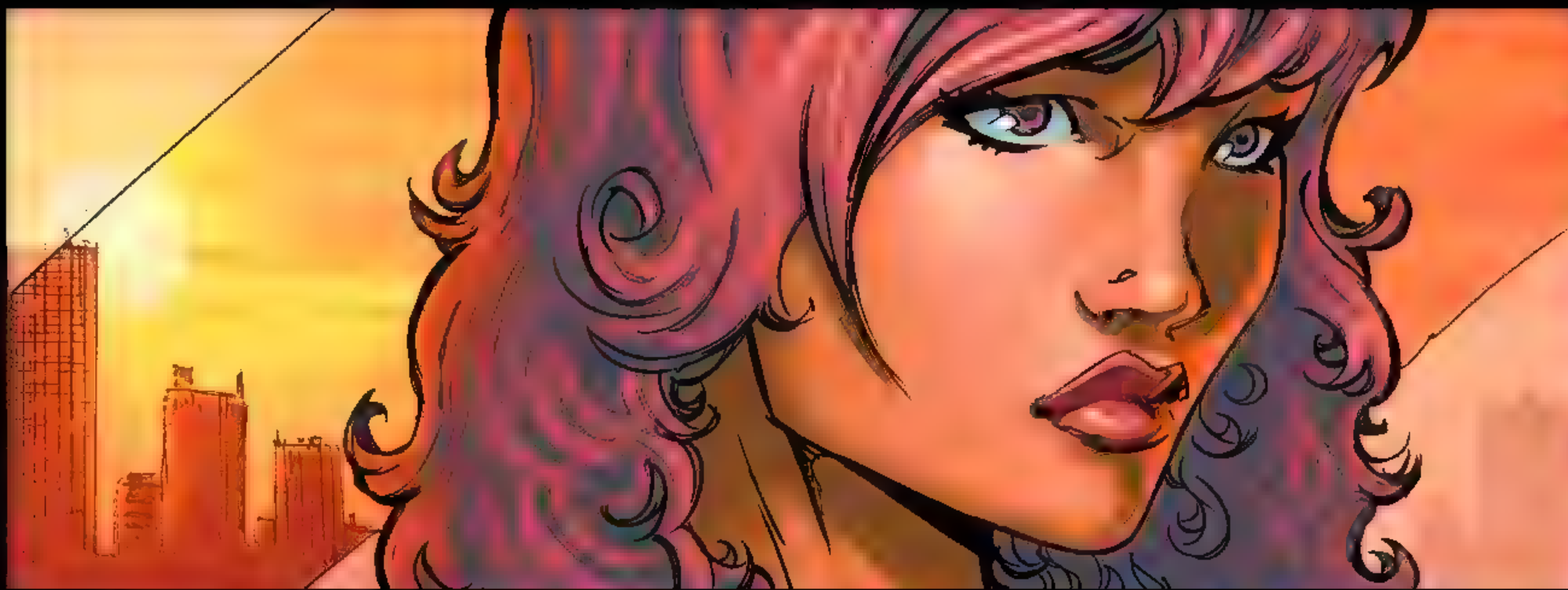
DO
NOT ATTEMPT
TO OUTBID ME
FOR THE GIRL,
MALY.

SHAO'S GOING
TO KILL HER. WE
CAN'T LET HIM USE
HIS WEALTH TO
GET TO HER.

I'M
HONOR
BOUND--

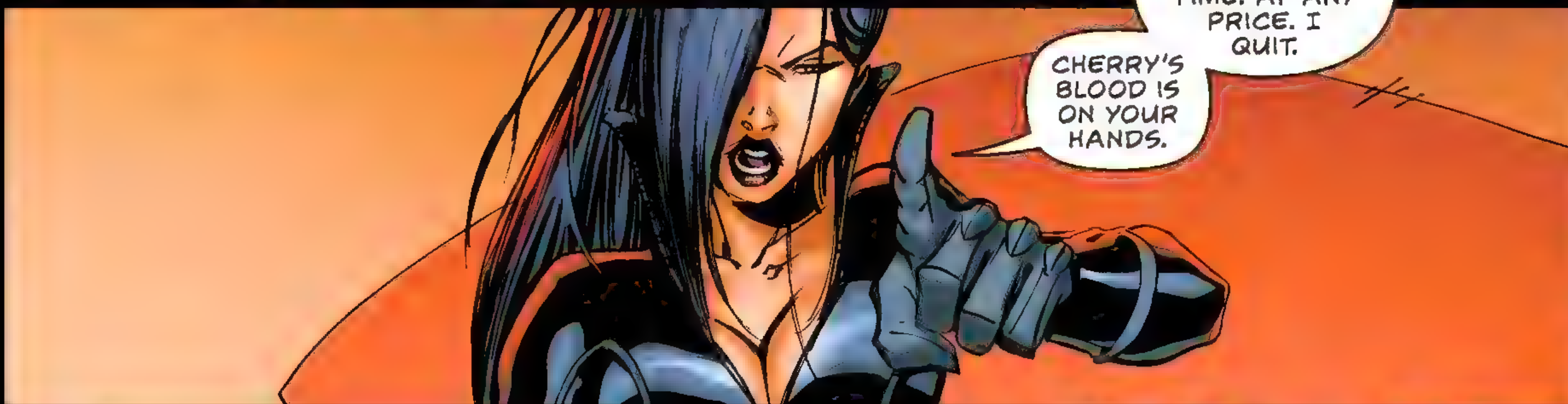
--YOU HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
HONOR IS!

I DON'T CARE
IF HE WAS YOUR FIRST
OR ONLY LOVE... WHY DO
YOU SUBMIT TO HIM?
WHAT IS HIS HOLD
ON YOU?



HONOR IS NOTHING WITHOUT SOMEONE WORTH HONORING. YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER... HER ADULTEROUS FATHER IS NOT WORTH CHERRY'S LIFE.

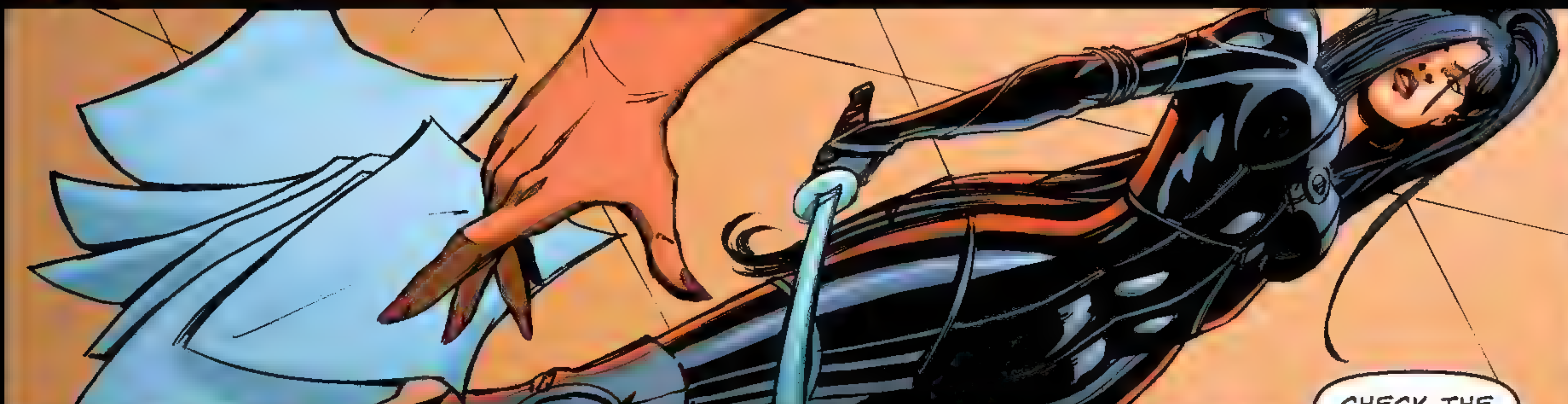
AND YOU ARE NOT WORTH MY TIME. AT ANY PRICE. I QUIT.



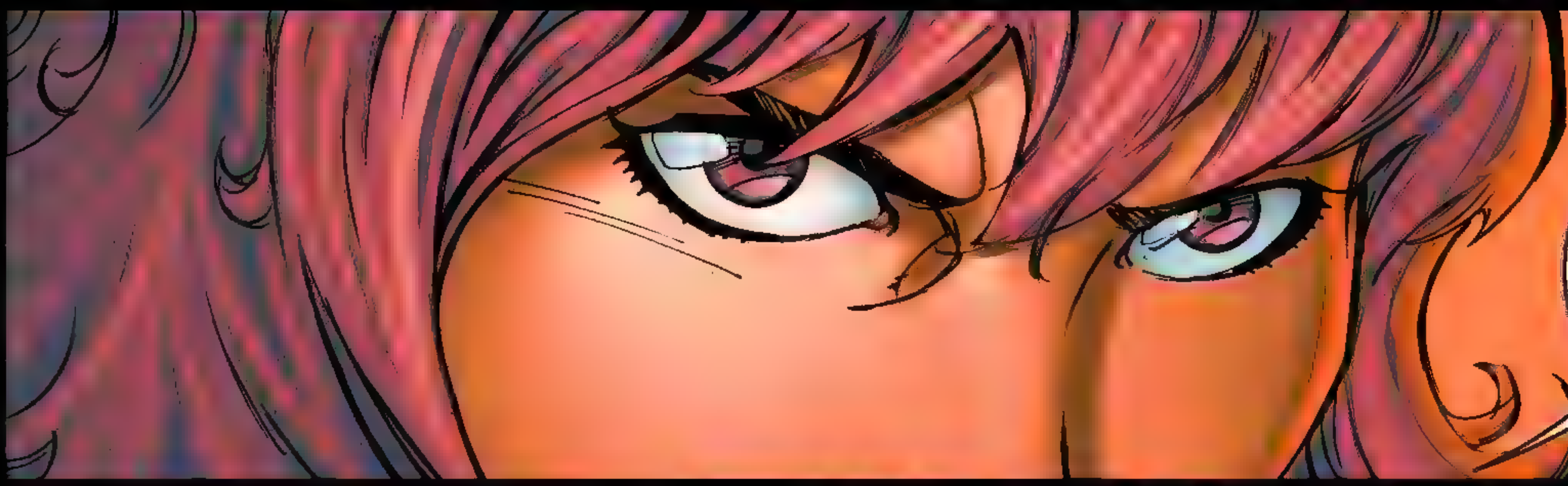
CHERRY'S BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS.



WAIT. YOU DON'T WORK FOR ME.



CHECK THE CONTRACT.



I HIRED YOU AS CHERRY'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT... NOT MINE.

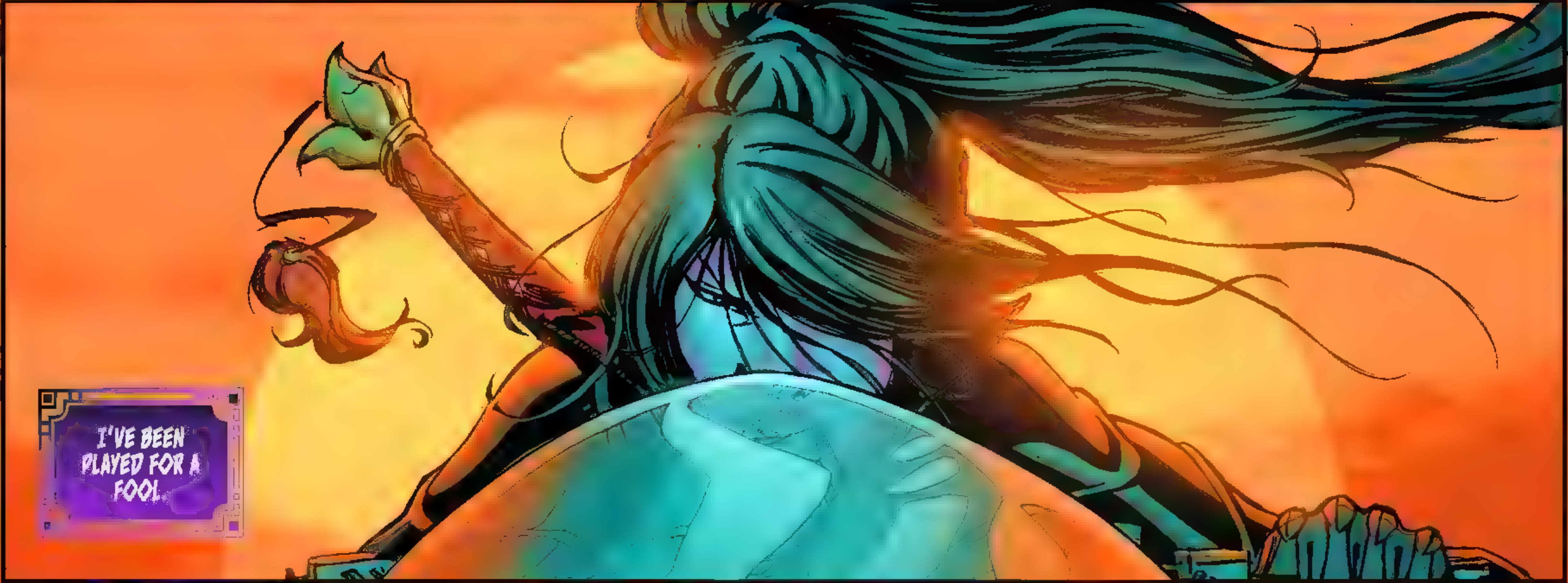


WHAT DOES YOUR HONOR TELL YOU, NOW?

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA.

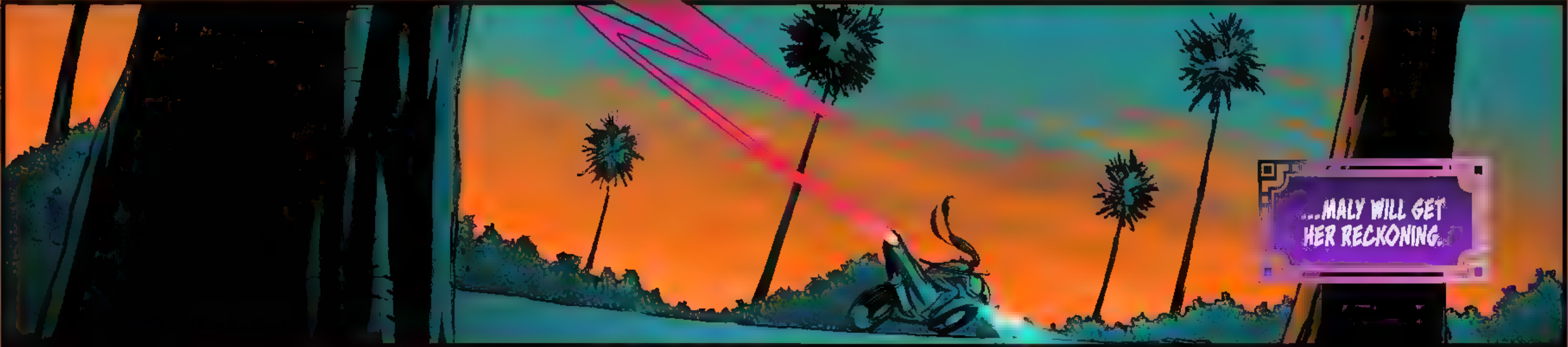
MALY IS HIDING SOMETHING.
HER LOYALTY TO SHAO SHOULD NOT BE
STRONGER THAN BLOOD. HER CODE OF HONOR,
WHILE INTACT, DOESN'T PUT HER ABOVE
MANIPULATION AND DECEIT.

MALY PLANNED FOR
THIS ALL ALONG. KNOWING MY OWN
CODE OF ETHICS WON'T ALLOW ME
TO TURN MY BACK ON CHERRY.



I'VE BEEN
PLAYED FOR A
FOOL.

IT'S FINE. AFTER I
EXTRACT CHERRY FROM
THIS NONSENSE.



...MALY WILL GET
HER RECKONING.



THIS IS A REVOLTING
METHOD OF INFILTRATION.
HOWEVER, SINCE I DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY I'M FACING OR
WHERE CHERRY IS...



...IT WILL HAVE TO DO.

BECAUSE OF MARY'S
PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS WITH THIS
CAMBODIAN CRIMINAL OUTFIT, I WAS
ABLE TO GET SOME INTELLIGENCE
THAT SHOULD PROVE USEFUL.



THEY'RE MORE
DISORGANIZED AND
RECKLESS THAN SOME
OF THE OTHER ASIAN
TRIADS.

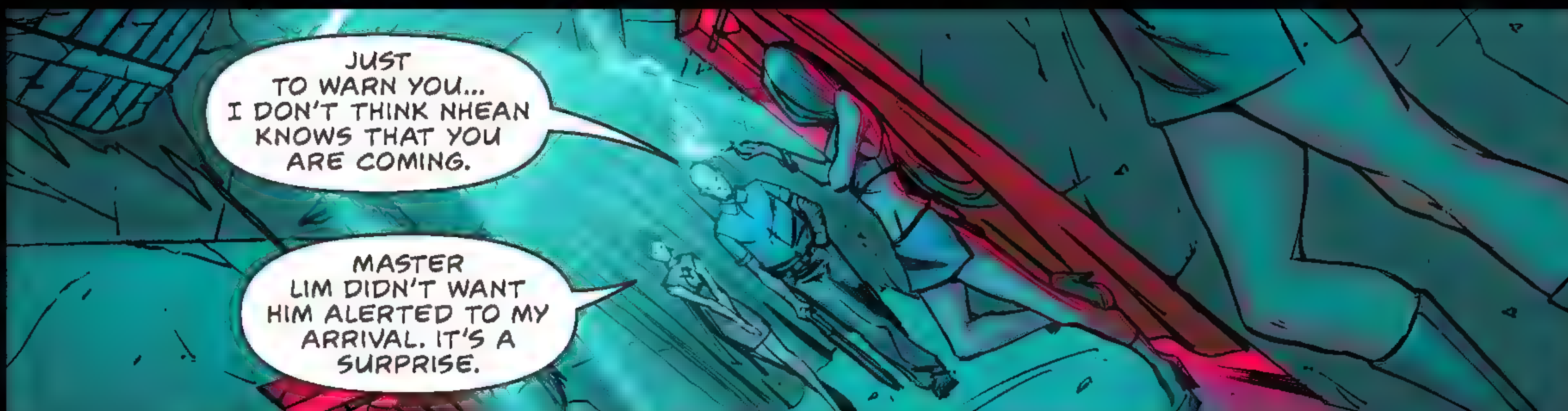


...SO IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MUCH TO
CONVINCE THESE LOW LEVEL THUGS.

I DROP THE NAME OF A HIGH-RANKING
MEMBER, OFFER A SEDUCTIVE SMILE...



...AND I'M IN TO SEE
THEIR LOCAL CHIEFTAIN,
NHEAN TRAHN.



JUST
TO WARN YOU...
I DON'T THINK NHEAN
KNOWS THAT YOU
ARE COMING.

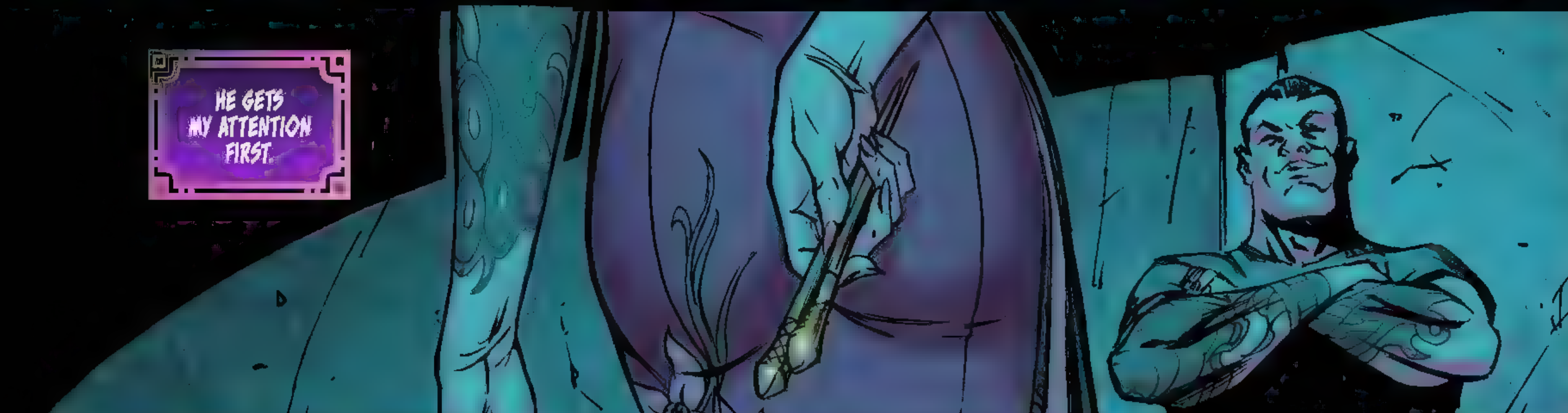
MASTER
LIM DIDN'T WANT
HIM ALERTED TO MY
ARRIVAL. IT'S A
SURPRISE.



NHEAN
DOESN'T LIKE
SURPRISES. BUT
I THINK HE WILL
LIKE YOU.



I WOULDN'T BET ON THAT.
HE WAS THERE DURING THE
EXCHANGE... HE'S THE ONE
THAT TASERED ME.



HE GETS
MY ATTENTION
FIRST.

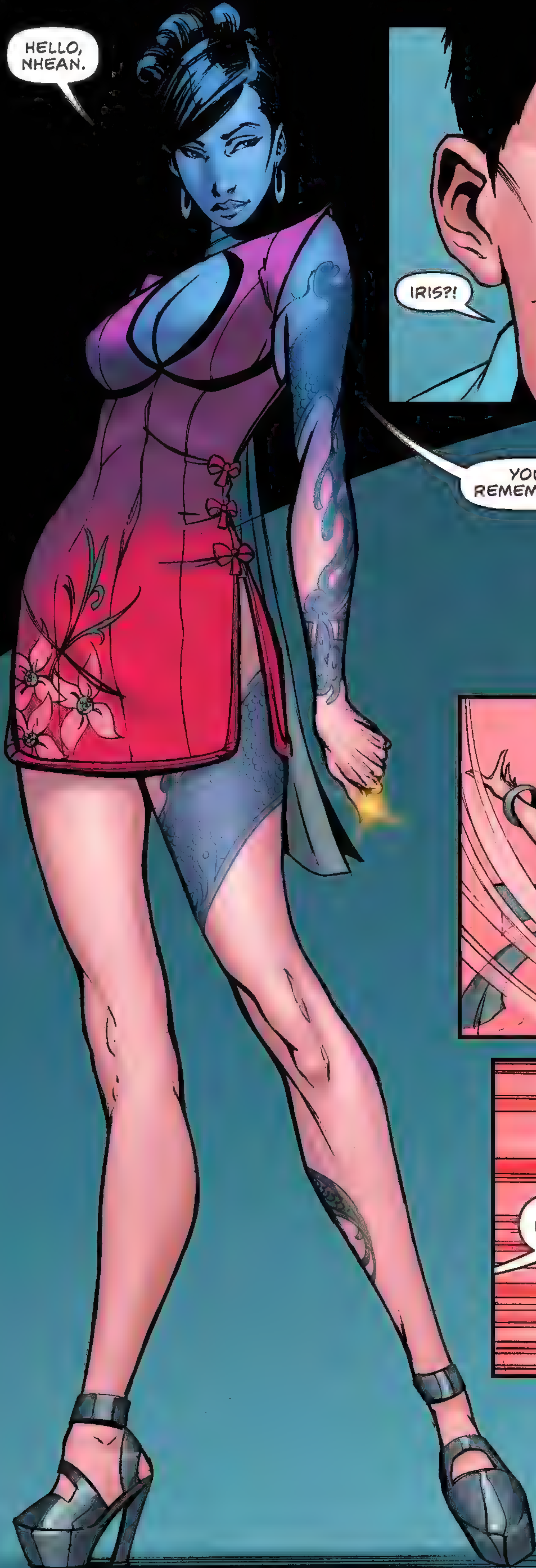


NHEAN!

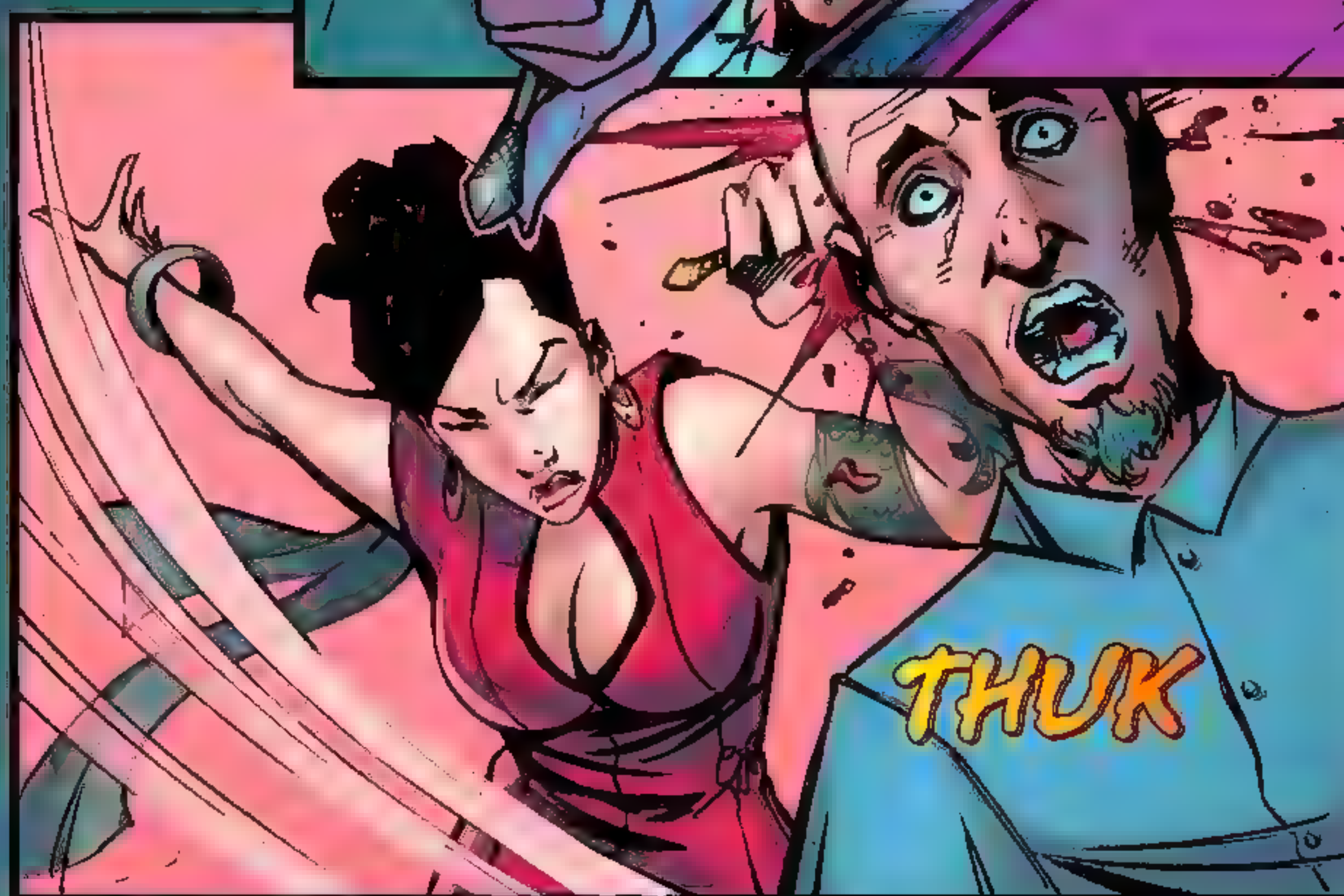
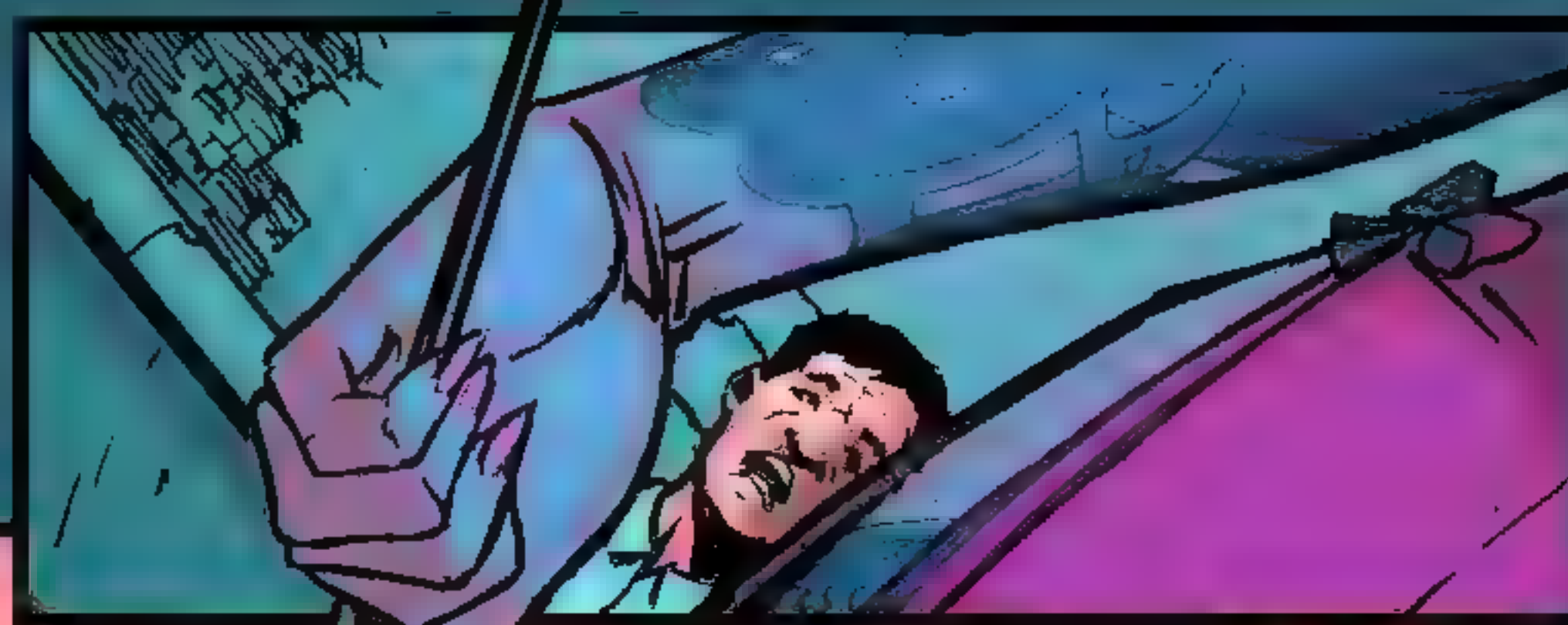


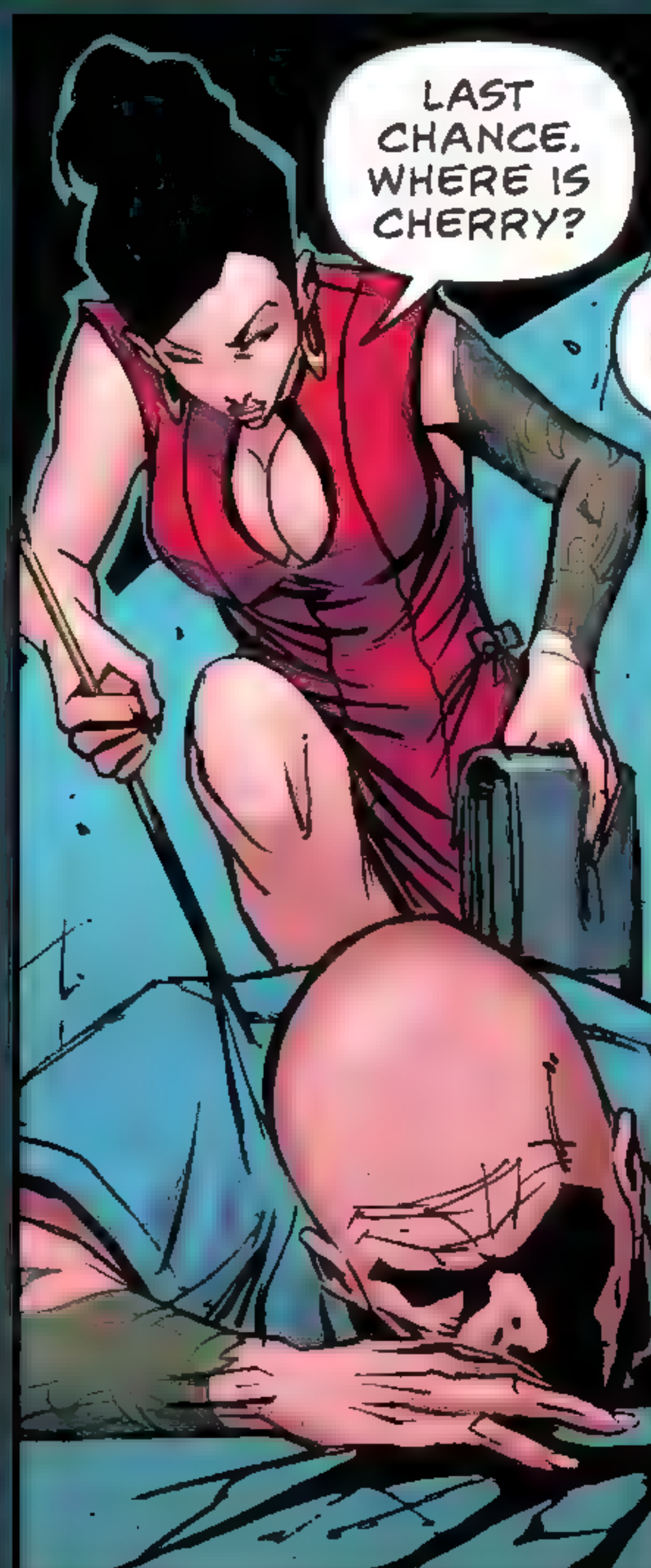
GO AWAY.
I'M BUSY.

I HAVE
A SURPRISE
FOR YOU... FROM
MASTER LIM.



YOU
REMEMBER.



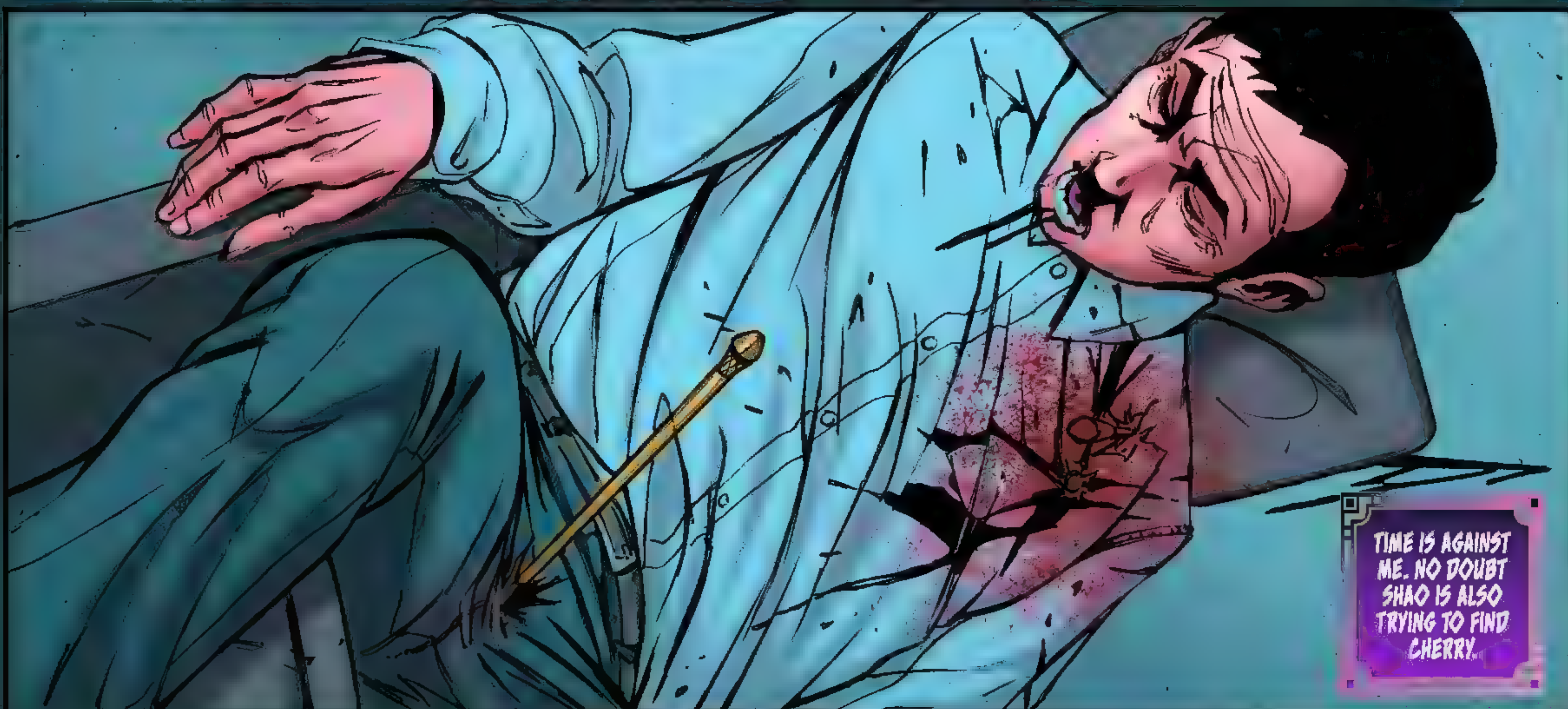




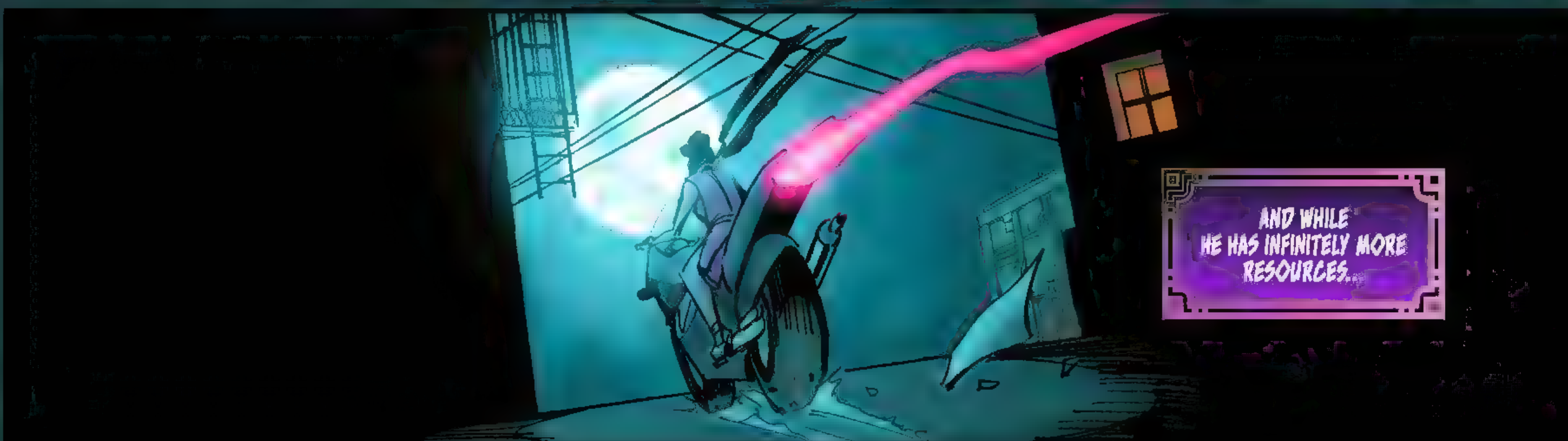
"SAKNGEA...
HIS NAME IS,
SAKNGEA."



NHEAN!



TIME IS AGAINST
ME. NO DOUBT
SHAO IS ALSO
TRYING TO FIND
CHERRY.



AND WHILE
HE HAS INFINITELY MORE
RESOURCES.

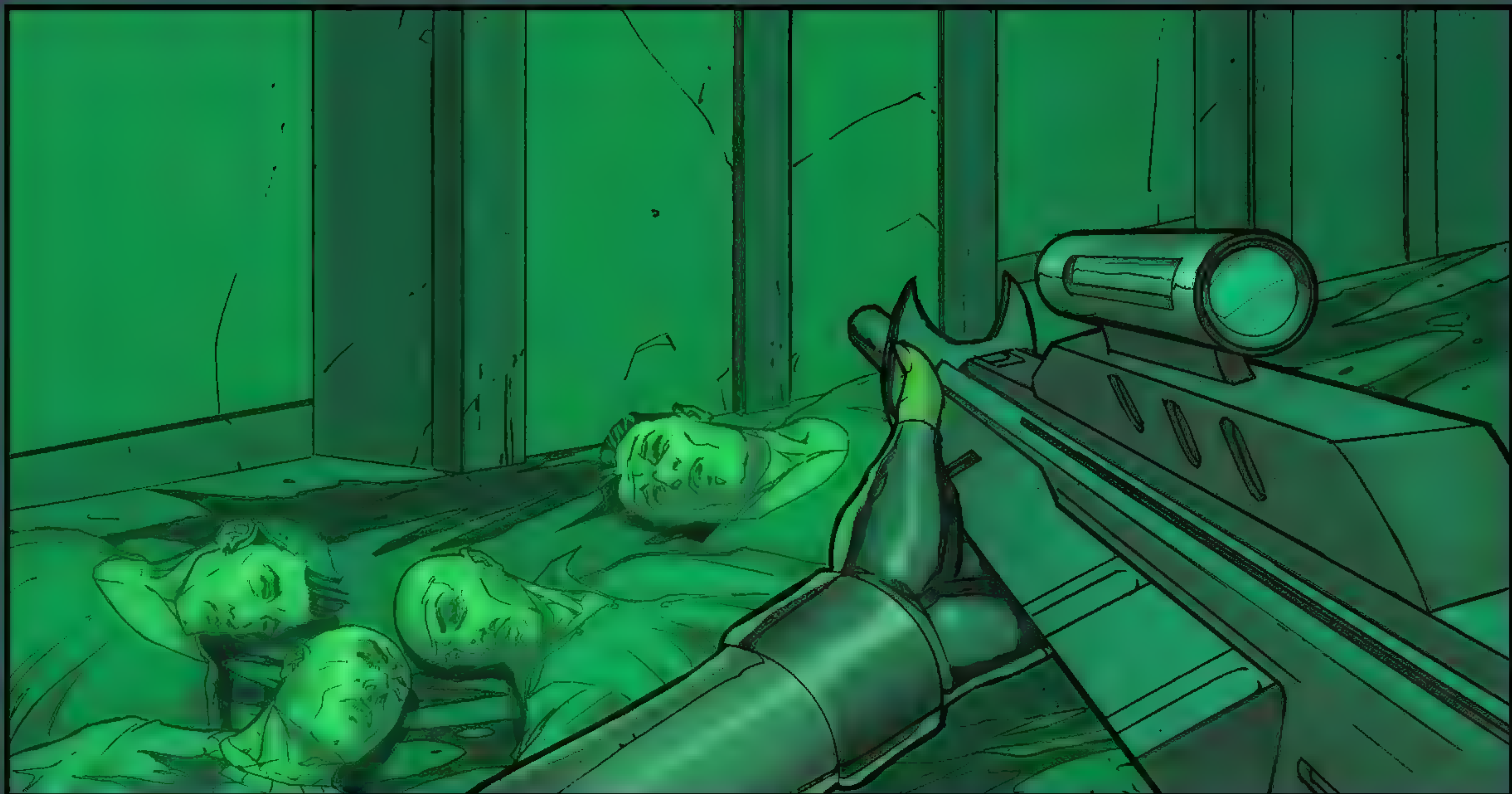


I'M HIGHLY MOTIVATED.

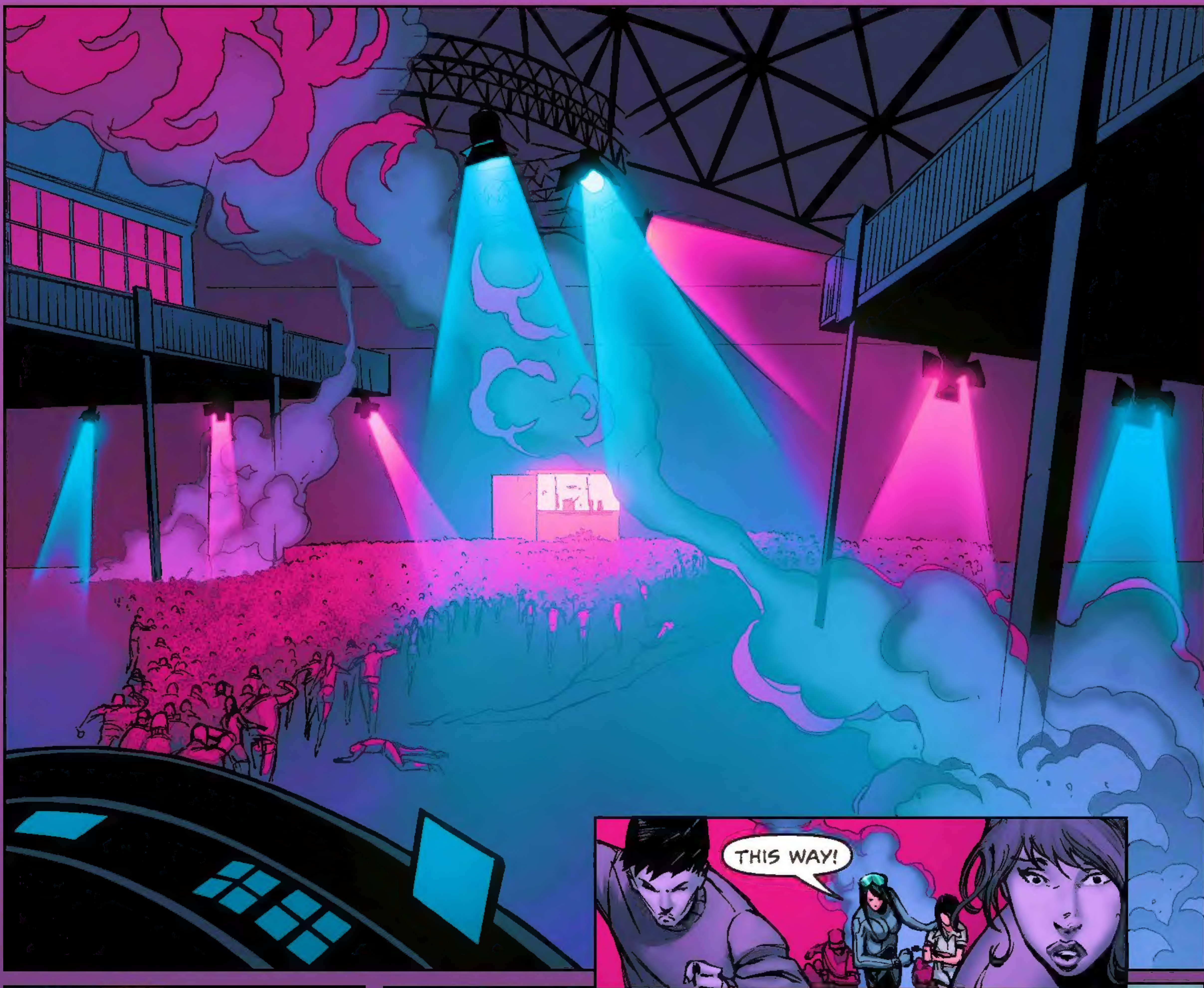


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TO BE
CONCLUDED...
ALL NEW EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT: IRIS #5

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